

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuichi SHIBAZAKI

New U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP2005/001076

Filed: August 1, 2006

Docket No.: 127874

For: STAGE DRIVE METHOD AND STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**